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- 1. DATA REQUESTED BY REFERENCED AIRGRAM PROVIDED BELOW. RESPONSE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS OF REFERNECE.
- 2. A. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, SENEGAL HAS NO STATUTES OR REGULATIONS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH TERRORISM WITHIN COUNTRY.
- B. LAW 71-73, DECEMBER 28, 1971 AUTHORIZED SENEGALESE PRESIDENT TO RATIFY 1963 TOKYO CONVENTION. CONVENTION WAS RATIFIED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1972--TEXT BEING POUCHED..

C. NO DECISIONS AVAILABLE.

D. POLICIES HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FAR AS CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY CAN ASCERTAIN. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS NOT

YET BEEN A TERRORIST INCIDENT IN SENEGAL.

E. NO OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

F. GOS HAS ESTABLISHED A COMMITTEE OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, AIRPORT AND SECURITY OFFICIALS TO SUPERVISE AIRPORT SECURITY. ON MOST INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE THEY CARRY ARE SCREENED FOR WEAPONS PRIOR TO BOARDING, BUT AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES IN GENERAL ARE FAR FROM STRICT. GOS KEEPS CLOSE EYE ON LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVES. OTHERWISE WE KNOW OF NO SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES INSTITUTED BY SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT.

G. GOS, LIKE GOVERNMENTS OF MANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS INCLINED TO POSTPONE COMING TO GRIPS WITH TERRORISM UNLESS IT BECOMES PRESSING LOCAL PROBLEM. GOS MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. LIKE OTHER AFRICAN STATES IT 1) RECEIVES ARAB AID AND HOPES FOR MORE, AND 2) VALUES AFRO-ARAB POLITICAL SOLIDARITY IN NON-ALIGNED CONTEXT. THEREFORE, IN INTERNATIONAL FORA,GOS PROBABLY WILL GO ALONG WITH NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS AND BE RELUCTANT TO ADVOCATE MEASURES OPPOSED BY ARAB STATES. AGGREY

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